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# Most Americans See No-Win Viet Compromise

A majority of Americans believes the war in Vietnam will end in a compromise with neither side really winning, a public opinion poll indicates.

In a survey conducted for CBS News, the Opinion Research Corp. found that 58 per cent think the war will end in a compromise while 30 per cent believe the U.S. will win and three per cent think it will lose.

The survey was released on a CBS broadcast, "Where We Stand in Vietnam," which was shown last night (WTOP-TV). Vietnam Roundtable

Seven CBS correspondents were joined in their analysis of Vietnam by James Cameron, a British journalist who recently spent a month in North Vietnam.

Cameron said the North Vietnamese have "totally over-emphasized" the significance of anti-war protests in the U.S. and, in his view, are slightly

overconfident of their own ability to win eventually.

North Vietnamese have "virtually canonized" an American demonstrator who burned himself to death in protest against U.S. policies, Cameron added.

## The Poll Results

Among other results of the poll:

- At least a third of the people—35 per cent—believes the U.S. probably will get into a World War because of Vietnam while 49 per cent think it will not.

- Fifty-eight per cent believes increased U.S. bombing in Vietnam would be likely to lead to a peaceful settlement while 21 per cent thinks a temporary halt to the bombing would be a better peace move.

- Fifty-five per cent does not agree that the United States should use nuclear weapons to shorten the war while 34 per cent agrees that we should.

- Forty-six per cent think nuclear weapons should be used if large numbers of Chinese Communist troops enter the war. Forty-one per cent disagree.

- Forty-four per cent thinks the Johnson Administration is doing as much as it should to negotiate a peaceful settlement but 43 per cent does not think so.

## Troops Should Stay

An overwhelming majority of those polled—82 per cent—insists that U.S. troops should remain in Vietnam when peace negotiations start, and only 9 per cent thinks they should be withdrawn as a start toward peace talks.

Two-thirds believes the public gets the truth about Vietnam from their Government only "sometimes." Fifteen per cent believes the Government "always" tells the truth and 13 per cent believes it "almost never" gets the truth.

On questions involving issues other than Vietnam, 45 per cent of the public believes this country should use force

if necessary to stop the spread of communism any place in the world. Thirty-six per cent

said each communist threat should be considered separately.